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For: **Optimization of a Binary Tree Traversal With Secure
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Inventors: POWELL *et al.*
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
2. Submission of Drawings;
3. Nine (9) sheets of Replacement drawings (Figs. 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4-8, 9A, 9B, 10A, 10B); and
4. One (1) return postcard.

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Submitted herewith are nine sheets of Replacement drawings with Figure(s) 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4-8, 9A, 9B, 10A, 10B, corresponding to the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawing(s) is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these drawing(s) into this application is respectfully requested.

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